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## STATE FARMS SHOW PROGRESS

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red. Their average milk production increased from a maximum of 6.9 liters per day to 7.1 - 7.9 liters per day as soon as machine milking was introduced in April.

The rates at which the pigs on the farm gained weight are given below.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Daily Increase Per Head (kg)</u>		
	<u>Pigs up to 30 kg</u>	<u>Pigs up to 60 kg</u>	<u>Pigs up to 90 kg</u>
Jan	.25	.37	
Feb	.35	.53	.85
Mar		.57	.74

SPRING WORK PROGRESSES ON STATE FARMS -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 118, 20 May 49

During the week of 6 - 13 May, 2,944 hectares were plowed on state farms, 3,913 hectares were dragged, and 9,625 hectares were planted and sowed. Following is the amount of work done in the whole country as of 13 May:

<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Ha Worked</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Plowing	50,753	98.7
Dragging	132,156	99.3
Planting and sowing	126,648	89.3
<u>Slovakia:</u>		
Plowing, dragging		100
Sowing		89
<u>Czech Provinces:</u>		
Plowing		98
Dragging		99
Sowing		89.9

MULBERRY TREES PLANTED -- Svobodne Slovo, No 114, 15 May 49

The food farms have pledged to begin mulberry cultivation in order to raise silkworms. So far they have announced that they will plant 25,000 hectares in mulberries.

DUCKS RAISED ON STATE FARMS -- Zemedelske Noviny, No 115, 17 May 49

At the end of 1948 the Czechoslovak State Farms had only 780 ducks. By the end of 1949 this number is to be increased to 6,600. The number of ducks raised in the Czech Province rose from 546,000 in 1945 to 786,000 in 1948, but this is still far below the prewar level of 1,579,000.

In order to raise meat quickly the state farms are concentrating on the Peking breed of duck. These will be raised particularly in southern Bohemia.

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